

## STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER *re*: DISCONNECTIONS OF WATER SUPPLY IN BANGALORE CITY

**Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.**—Sir, some time back Mr. Shamanna and others had come and told me that there is some difficulty about disconnections of water supply and that people suffer thereby. I told them that I would make enquiries and before the enquiry is made and before anything could be said, they have gone on satyagraha; it is left to them. I have now made enquiries. The biggest complaint is about disconnections and recovery of dues. I have got a note and I shall read it out.

“The M.L. As have alleged indiscriminate disconnections of drinking water supply connections to the houses of citizens of Bangalore. This allegation is not correct. With a view to see that there is no hardship caused, all the water supply consumers are being given liberal time to pay up the dues in several instalments. The consumers have appreciated this concession and are paying up over Rs. 6 lakhs per month against the arrears on this instalment basis. In the bill cards on which the bills are prepared, a foot-note has been inserted giving information to the consumers that water supply connections would be cut off if payment is not made at the office of the Assistant Engineer within 15 days from the date of the bill. In cases where there is no response, regular notices of disconnections for non-payment of dues under Section 53 of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1964 are again issued giving three days' time for the payment of arrears of water charges. If payment is not made within three days or if no request is received from the consumer for extension of time for making payment, the parties are further warned personally through the staff and action is taken to cut off the water supply only after these repeated requests fail to get any response. Immediately on receipt of the first instalment of the arrears together with a re-connection fee of Re. 1 the water supply is restored.

There are at present 59,698 water supply connections out of which 54,544 are domestic connections. Considering only the total number of domestic connections, the following figures furnish information pertaining to the number of disconnections made during the months of December 1967 to March 1968 and the percentage of disconnections worked out on the basis of total number of domestic connections. Four months percentage of disconnections worked out on the basis of total domestic connections is as follows :

| Month   | No. of dis-connections | No. of re-connections | Disconnections expressed as a percentage of the total No. of connections |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12/1967 | 115                    | 110                   | 0.21 per cent                                                            |
| 1/1968  | 83                     | 79                    | 0.15 per cent                                                            |
| 2/1968  | 196                    | 95                    | 0.35 per cent                                                            |
| 3/1968  | 73                     | 140                   | 0.13 per cent                                                            |

As could be seen from the above, the percentage of disconnections effected among domestic connections during the four months are negligible. Further, out of the disconnections made during each month almost all the connections are re-connected immediately after the payment of an instalment is made towards the arrears almost during the same month. These disconnections were made in the case of persistent defaulters, because they did not respond even after serving disconnection notices, personal warnings, appeals, etc. It is thus seen that disconnections have not been made indiscriminately and the number of monthly disconnections is almost negligible.

On 9th March 1968 some of the M.L.A's of Bangalore including the three M.L.A's who have tabled the present adjournment motion before the Assembly met me and discussed with me the water supply problems of Bangalore. One of their requests was that the Water Board should stop making disconnections until such time the question of water rate is settled. The representative of the Board explained their difficulty. I explained to them almost all the disconnected taps have been re-connected. They raised another question i.e., the amount of taxation is heavy. I think it has to be examined because there are resolutions passed by the Municipality itself before it was superseded. Those resolutions are also before us. I have called for information connected with all these matters because it cannot be decided all of a sudden. We will have to collect statistics, resolutions, etc., during these years ever since this question cropped up. I have told them the Government is sympathetic and consider if there is any heaviness of taxation the Government will try to give relief. I do not think this matter deserves much more explanation.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ವಾಟರ್ ಕನೆಕ್ಷನ್ಸ್ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಂಕನಂಪೈಗಳ ವಿವರ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ವಾಟರ್ ಕನೆಕ್ಷನ್ಸ್ ಕಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಸಾವಿರಾರು ಜನರಿಗೆ ನೋಟೀಸುಗಳು ಹೋಗಿವೆ. ನೀರು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲ ಹೆಂಡರು ಮಾಕ್ಕಳು ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೆದರಿ ಜನ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಜನರನ್ನು ಹೆದರಿಸಿ ದುಡ್ಡು ವಸೂಲ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಜನರು ಎಲ್ಲಿಂದ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು? ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕಟ್ಟದೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ ವಾಟರ್ ಕನೆಕ್ಷನ್ಸ್ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂಬ ಹೆದರಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಜನ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಡಿಸ್ ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಹೆದರಿಸಿ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ನೋಟೀಸನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಮುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಡಿಪ್ಯಾಂಡ್ಸ್ ಚಾರ್ಜೆಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತವೆ. ಆಗ್ಗೆ ಇದನ್ನು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಸ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳನೋಳಿಗೆ ನೀರಿನ ದರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾವು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೆವು. ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ನೀರಿನ ದರ ಗೊತ್ತು ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ. ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಫೋಲ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಜನರನ್ನು ಹೆದರಿಸಿ ದುಡ್ಡು ವಸೂಲ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಬಡ ಜನ ಸಾಲ ಸೋಲ ಮಾಡಿ ಮಾರವಾಡಿ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಸಾಲ ತಂದು ದುಡ್ಡು ಕಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಈಗ ಮೊದಲು ನೀರಿನ ದರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಮುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಡಿಪ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಆಗ್ಗೆ ಇದನ್ನು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಸ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯ ಸನ್ನೆ ಕೊಡಲಿ. ನೀರಿನ ದರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಗುವವರೆಗೆ ವಾಟರ್ ಫೀಜರ್ ಕನೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಕಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

(ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್)

ಎಂದು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಜನ ಭಯಗೊಂಡು ನೀರಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ದರ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವಾಗುವವರೆಗೆ ಕಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ನೀರಿನ ರೇಟು ನಿರ್ಣಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಿರಿ. ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಆಡ್ವಿನ್ಸ್ಟ್ರೀಟರ್ ಅವರೇ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಚೇರಮನ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಇರುವವರೆಗೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಶ್ರೀ ಬಾಲ ನುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯಂ ಅವರು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವವರೆಗೆ ಯಾವ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರು ಬರೆದು ಕೊಟ್ಟದ್ದನ್ನು ನೀವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಓದುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಜನ ಕಷ್ಟಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನೀರಿನ ದರ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ವಾಟರ್ ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಷನ್ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಜನರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ತಮಗೆ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Members can urge all these points when we take up Municipal Administration demands.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ.—ಹಿಂದಿನಂತೆ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರ ಗ್ಯಾಲನ್ನಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಯಂತೆ ಹಣ ಕರೆಕ್ಷ ಮಾಡಲ, ಹಾಗೂ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲ ಅಂದರೆ ನಾವು ಯಾವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಹೋಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ಮಾತು ಹೇಳಲ ವಾಟರ್ ಮೀಟರ್ ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಷನ್ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆ ಕೊಡಲ.

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಆ ಡಿಮಾಂಡ್ ಡೆರ್ಟಿಗೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಎರಡು ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಮೀಟರ್ ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಷನ್ ಕಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒಂದು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆ ಅವರು ಕೊಡಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೌರ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳಿನಿಂದ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ. ನಿರಶನ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಘೋರವಾಗಿದೆ. ನೀರಿನ ದರ ಶರೀಲಿನ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಉಪ ಸಮಿತಿ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಅದು ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಆ ಉಪ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಬರುವವರೆಗಾದರೂ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಹಳೇ ದರದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಜನ ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಡಲ. ಮುಂದೆ ಕೂಡ ಹಣ ವಸೂಲಾಡತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಹಕ್ಕು ನಮಗೆ ಇದ್ದೇ ಇದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಕಮೀಷಿ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಬರುವವರೆಗೆ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನ್‌ಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ತೊಂದರೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಒಂದು ಆಶ್ವಾಸನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಉಪಶಾಸನ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹ ನಡೆಸಿರುವುದನ್ನು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಡುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು. ಈಗ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು

3-00 P.M.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I do not think I can assure the House about this unless I know more details. I have already said that there are very few disconnections, and all of them are reconnected. It is unnecessarily made much of. I have promised them that I would consider the question of rates. These disconnections pertain to defaulters of not for two years, but they are defaulters for five to six years. I do not know for how long Sri Shamanna has been a defaulter; I am told it is for four years. What shall we do? We cannot stop recovery. Recovery will have to go on. So far as the rates are concerned, a sympathetic view would be taken. I have to collect more information. They themselves say, according to the information I have got, that the rates must be increased.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಶಾಮಣ್ಣ (ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೋಟೆ).—ಹಳೆಯ ದರವಲ್ಲ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅವರು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪ್ರೊಸೀಡ್‌ಗೆ ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೈರಾಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅಪೂರ್ವ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದೇ ಹೊರತು ನೀರು ದರದ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಲಿ. ಏನೆಂದರೆ ಹಳೇ ದರದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡಲಿ, ಬೇಡ ಎನ್ನುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೇಳಿದರೇ ಹೊರತು ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನೀರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ನೋಟೀಸ ಬಂದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಂದ ತಂದು ಕಟ್ಟಬೇಕು? ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಹಾಕಿರುವ ನೀರಿನ ದರ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡುವವರೆಗೂ ಹಳೆಯ ದರದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷದಿಂದ ಹಣ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಬೇರೆಯವರನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಡಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ನಾನು ದುಡ್ಡು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಥವಿಲ್ಲ. ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಬೀದಿ ಕೊಳಾಯಿನಿಂದ ನೀರು ತರಬೇಕೇ, ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು? ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಸ್‌ಕನೆಕ್ಟ್ ಆದರೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅದರ ಕಷ್ಟ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ 36 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನೀರಿನ ಕಷ್ಟ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಬಾಕಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೇ ಅದರ ಕಷ್ಟ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದು !

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I am surprised as to how this could be discussed without any notice. I have been courteous enough to reply. The reply shows that they are not entitled to any relief. So far as old defaulters are concerned, we cannot show any concession to them. But, so far as the rate is concerned, we have to consult the concerned Department. Can the Government take a decision without consulting the concerned parties and institutions and the representatives of the Municipal Corporation? We cannot do it; it is not possible also. Therefore, I must consult them and do something. It will not be correct to do things without consulting them.

Sri AZIZ SAIT.—Water is an essential thing. Although the number of disconnections are negligible, no man is prepared for disconnection of water. He will beg, borrow or take loan and then pay the charges to the Corporation. But, is it a happy event? The whole difficulty today is, the water rates are so high that people are unable to pay the charges. Ultimately, they have to surrender themselves by begging or borrowing and paying the charges to the Board. The free allowance of water that was granted before the Corporation Act was passed is being taken away by the Board. When the Government cannot give water which is flowing from Cauvery, what kind of Administrators are they? This question has to be considered and examined. We have to bow our heads in shame.

(Interruptions)

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Reporters need not take down further proceedings.

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Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—Sir, I rise to a Point of Order. We are going on without following any rules. It has been sufficiently discussed and the Chief Minister gave the reply twice.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It is not a Point of Order.

\*\*\* Matter not recorded as ordered by the Chair.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Before we proceed, I rise on a point of personal explanation.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have already said that the concerned Minister is not here. The hon'ble Minister has asked my permission to raise it when he is present. I request the hon'ble Member to give it in writing.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is not the procedure. I would like to submit...

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—That is the convention.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not even a convention.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I request the hon'ble member to give it in writing.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have not spoken one word.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will ask the concerned Minister to be present and the member will be given a chance.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—May I submit a word? Before I say even one word, if the Speaker himself begins to speak, how am I to say? There is no need for the concerned Minister to be present so long as the Chief Minister and the Government is represented on the Treasury Bench, when a point of personal explanation is raised.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will give a chance again when the Minister concerned is present. Just to avoid all this, I request the hon'ble Member to kindly raise it when the concerned Minister is in the House.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am standing only on procedure prescribed under the Rules.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will permit him. But, what I want is...

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—But, to say that the concerned Minister must be there is...

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—That is the convention.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It has not been the convention; I speak with some authority. A point of personal explanation could be raised by any member at any moment. If you quote the authority, I will bow down.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The member will please give it in writing. I will intimate it to the Minister.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I am not bound to give a personal explanation when the House is seized of the matter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Minister may come tomorrow.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—But the Chair cannot curtail the rights of Members.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I am not curtailing the rights of the Members. What I want is, the Minister should be present.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is his duty to be present.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It may be given in writing.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, with all humility I would like to submit, that the Rules must be respected.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Minister must be informed.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Nowhere is it stated in the Rules that the Minister should be informed. I need not inform the Chair also.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Unless the Minister is present, I cannot allow it to be raised.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Under what Rule?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It is the convention.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There is no convention. I am so sorry.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I am very sorry. The hon'ble Member is a seasoned parliamentarian, and he ought to know.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—If I were not a seasoned politician, I would not have raised it. Well Sir, with all due humility to the Chair and with due respect to the Chair, I would like to submit that we are carrying on parliamentary democracy and parliamentary democracy shall only stand on rules of procedure.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—In Parliamentary Democracy all the members in legislature must follow rules of procedure and convention.

Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs).—Sir, may I point out here that rule 293 says like this :

“ 293. A member may, with the permission of the Speaker, make a personal explanation although there is no question before the Assembly, but in this case no debatable matter may be brought forward, and no debate shall arise.”

Sir, no personal explanation can be made without the permission of the Chair and you have already made it quite clear that this is not the proper time to take up this matter.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, I am thankful that my hon'ble friend has clarified the position.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The member is flying to Delhi to-day.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, the position is clarified that the permission of the Speaker is necessary to make any personal explanation. Well, you will remember Sir, that I did obtain your permission today morning and then I have a right to make personal explanation. For this, I submit to you, that the concerned Minister need not be present.

**MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.**—The member can raise it when the concerned Minister is present.

**Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.**—Well Sir, with the assurance that the Hon'ble Minister concerned, will be made to be present here tomorrow and I must have the first opportunity to move this, I will resume.

**Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).**—On a point of order, Sir.....

**MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.**—Hon'ble Minister to move the demand.

## BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1968-69—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

### DEMAND Nos. 22 AND 26.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Sericulture).**—Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I beg to move :

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 5,41,33,000 including the sums already voted on account be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the financial year for the period ending 31st day of March, 1969, in respect of ‘Animal Husbandry’.”

**Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.**—Sir, can the Minister go on moving the Demand, when a point of order is raised by a member ?

**MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.**—I know the rules. Mr. Nagappa has moved a point of order. Yes, he may speak on his point of order.

**Sri M. NAGAPPA.**—Sir, as per rule 293 it is only that permission or consent is to be taken from the Hon'ble Speaker. Now according to the commitment made by the Hon'ble Chair that the consent has been given, the question of presence or absence of a Minister is not essential. First thing is, that the Cabinet as such is responsible wholly. Several times it has been interpreted by the Hon'ble Chair and the ruling has been given that in the absence of any Minister, another Minister can give answers to question. When such a thing is happening on the floor of the House, I want to know, why the Hon'ble Chief Minister's presence or any other Minister's presence is essential. Therefore any other Minister can reply to the question raised by one of the elder members like Mr. Chennabasappa. In view of this, the point that the concerned Minister is not present in the House is not relevant. It is none of the faults of the member. Merely because the Minister is not present, this cannot be postponed. The Hon'ble member may be given an opportunity to explain whatever remarks has been passed on him. It is the joint responsibility of the Ministry and the absence of a Minister cannot be taken as a cause for disallowing this. Then the other point is, that when I was on a point of order, the Hon'ble Chair immediately got up and asked me to sit down. As per rule 298 the Members must